

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
KETCHIKAN PUBLIC UTILITIES

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a thirty year renewable right-of-way grant to the Ketchikan Public Utility (KPU) for the continued use and maintenance of an existing access road pursuant to Title V of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). The road is located in Sec. 20, T. 75 S., R. 91 E., Copper River Meridian, Alaska, and provides access to the Ketchikan Lakes Dam site.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

No land use plan exists for the area where this right-of-way grant is requested. However, the environmental analysis assesses the impacts of the Proposed Action and provides a basis for this decision [43 CFR 1610.8 (b)(1)].

Issuance of this grant allows KPU to continue using the existing road to access the dam site. The dam is located within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Powersite Withdrawal, number 420. This portion of the road was found to be outside of the withdrawal while renewing their FERC license in 2000. Therefore a separate right-of-way grant is necessary to allow KPU access.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The decision will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Monitoring:

Bureau of Land Management staff from the Anchorage Field Office will monitor the area granted for a right-of-way every five years to assure KPU complies with the terms and conditions of the grant.

/s/ June A. Bailey
Anchorage Field Manager, Acting

12/06/02
Date